progressively by deploying BTSs of WLL CDMA technology at new locations BSNL has planned to provide telephone on demand by March, 2008 in Rajasthan.

(d) The details of plan for extension of telephone network in Rajasthan Telecom Circle for 2006-07 is given below:

Si. No		Parameter
1.	Basic Connections	81 WLL BTS of 60,750 WLL lines capacity are
2.	Cellular Mobile Connections (Nos.)	under installation.
3.	VPT (Nos.)	6.0 lakh
4.	Broadband (Nos.)	3700
5.	Internet (Nos.)	18500
6.	TAX (Kilo Circuits)	34200
7.	OFC (RKMS)	94.00
		1770.00

STD/ISD/PCO booths in Rajasthan

2896. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD/ISD/PCO booths set up in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the number of such booths proposed to be set up in the State during the year 2006-07; and

(c) the details of funds allocated therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, 35,959 STD/ISD/PCO booths are provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Rajasthan during the last three years.

(b) PCOs are allotted liberally by BSNL to all the applicants who are of the age of 18 years and above, subject to technical feasibility. PCOs are on demand in most of the areas. The number of booths to be installed during the current year depends on the availability of applicants.

(c) STD/ISD/PCO franchisee of BSNL is responsible for the hiring/ furnishing of premises, construction of booth, procurement of telephone instrument, PCO monitor etc. Only telephone line is provided by BSNL. No separate fund is earmarked for PCO lines, as these are part of the project for direct exchange lines.

Spectrum allocation to new terrestrial services

2897. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Space in a communication to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recently stated that it was using its orbits spectrum resources to provide various services such as Telecommunications, Radio, Village Resources Centre and this must be taken into account before making any Spectrum allocation to new terrestrial services and applications in frequency bands that are already being used by Indian satellite systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Department of Telecommunications thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Space (DoS) in their communication to TRAI in response to TRAI's Consultation Paper on "Allocation and pricing of spectrum for 3G services and Broadband Wireless Access" has stated, among others, that in the telecom and broadcasting area, INSAT satellite system consisting of many satellites, cater to the country's need in many disciplines, like telecommunication to fixed and mobile users, radio, TV (including DTH, newsgathering, TV distribution), Tele-education, Telemedicine.Village Resource Centre (e-governance), that have evolve over a period of time. According to DoS, it is very much necessary to protect these existing national assets and to ensure continued availability of the spectrum to sustain and grow these nationally important INSAT services through planned satellite missions in the coming years. DoS further stated that any spectrum allocations to new terrestrial services/applications, in frequency bands which are already being used by Indian satellite systems should take into account the above reality.

(c) TRAI would consider the comments given by various stakeholders